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Carl Hosticka represents District 3, which includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.



Celebrating 25 years of Salmon Festival and millions of years of salmon in the Sandy River

Celebrating 25 years of Salmon Festival and six million years of salmon in the Sandy River, the annual Salmon Festival at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park celebrates the special connection between people and wild salmon and inspires us to value clean water and healthy watersheds.

The Salmon Festival provides activities and exhibits to help us better understand the challenges of managing the region's fish, wildlife and water resources while balancing the needs of a growing metropolitan region. The festival also features great entertainment, children's activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, a salmon bake, arts and crafts, environmental exhibits and a food court. Entertainment, exhibits, children's activities and food areas are all under cover.

New to the festival this year is the Sandy River Fall Chinook timeline, chronicling 400 million years of geologic activity and six million years of salmon in the Sandy River. The timeline provides visual representation of the story of the salmon and connects key events to sites in the park visitors can walk to.

Another new event, "Salmon bites: Ten minute tales from the Sandy River story," gives attendees a chance to learn more about the salmon's home in the Sandy River with a series of short presentations between 1 and 2 p.m. both days given by staff from environmental organizations, local utilities and federal agencies.

Festival-goers also have the chance to win a print of an original salmon painting by Roger Long, renowned local artist and salmon advocate. By completing and returning a pledge card that commits the holder to just one item from a list of "25 things you can do to protect our region's watersheds," participants qualify for the drawing.

Oxbow Regional Park is located in the Sandy River Gorge, 8 miles east of Gresham. Festival admission is \$8 per vehicle or \$12 per bus. Pets are not allowed. For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/salmonfestival or call 503-797-1850.

Festival Hosts: Metro, Portland General Electric, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland Water Bureau and Mt. Hood National Forest.

Sponsors: Bureau of Land Management, Western Rivers Conservancy, REI, Waste Management, Portland Tribune and Community Newspapers, AM 620 KPOJ and K103 FM, Portland Family Magazine.



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Metro supports state's greenhouse gas reduction targets with first phase of Regional Climate Change Action Plan

The Metro Council responded to the state's call for reduction in greenhouse gas emissions with the launch of the first phase of a regional climate change action plan.

The climate change action plan, part of Metro's sustainability initiative unveiled in April, is one of several strategies that support the overall goal of achieving economic, environmental and social sustainability in the region.

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Metro's role, outlined by Councilor Rex Burkholder, is to provide regional leadership in coordinating the efforts of local governments, civic groups, university systems and business representatives to meet Oregon's greenhouse gas reduction goals set in 2007 by the state legislature. The state's greenhouse gas reduction targets call for a halt to emission increases by 2010, a 10 percent reduction in emissions below 1990 levels by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction in emissions below 1990 levels by 2050.

Elements of the first phase of the climate action plan include conducting a regional greenhouse gas inventory to establish baseline information; surveying existing goals, programs and activities in the region; creating a Climate Change Steering Committee to set regional priorities; and hosting a regional climate change summit to engage the public.

The actual climate action plan will be developed during the second phase by a task force of representatives from local governments, businesses, environmental advocacy groups and residents who will be responsible for setting greenhouse gas-reduction goals and identifying the programs that will help meet those goals.

An optional third phase would run concurrently with the first and second phases and include small "Climate Solutions" projects funded by a grant program.

Grant workshops offered by Metro help communities invite nature into neighborhoods

Three upcoming workshops about Metro's Nature in Neighborhood grant programs hope to inspire innovative projects and partnerships in communities wishing to improve livability through greater access to nature at the neighborhood level.

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program funds projects that preserve or enhance natural features and their ecological functions on public lands in neighborhoods and help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and nature as an element of its character and livability. The Metro Council kicked off this new grant program in August, awarding approximately \$390,000 to three capital grants projects.

The Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and enhancement grants program is focused on helping individuals, community groups

or schools in on-the-ground active watershed restoration or environmental education. This program has awarded \$1.25 million over the past three years to projects throughout the region.

Find out more about the grant programs, and learn about the projects that are receiving grant funding from Metro by visiting www.oregonmetro.gov/grants.

Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Workshop I – Overview

Saturday, Oct. 11
9 to 11 a.m.

Oak Lodge Fire District – Station 3
2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd.
Milwaukie, OR 97267

Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Workshop I – Overview

Saturday, Nov. 1
9 to 11 a.m.

Clean Water Services training room
2550 SW Hillsboro Highway
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Workshop II – Project Review

Saturday, Nov. 15
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Metro Regional Center
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

To RSVP for one of these workshops, please contact Mary Rose Navarro at 503-797-1781, MaryRose.Navarro@oregonmetro.gov or Janelle Geddes at 503-797-1550, Janelle.Geddes@oregonmetro.gov.



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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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